



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Eucharist, 10:00am, April 28, 2024

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Josephine, Russell, and Ric Wyatt offered by Kathryn Ivany and Bob Wyatt.

Welcome to Christ Church

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our sides people. All kids are welcome to come forward for the children's talk and afterwards to join our volunteers for Sunday School. Restrooms and the nursery are in our hall (accessed through the side door to the right of the brass eagle lectern).

Prelude: Morning Has Broken - David Lasky

Processional Hymn: #334 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

(Please stand)

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: #366 Glory, in the Highest Glory

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Children's Talk

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

Lorraine Brugh



All the ends of the earth shall re-mem - ber and turn to the Lord. _____

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them. **R**

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever! **R**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.
Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the Lord. **R**

Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them,
"The Lord has acted!" **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: #449 - How Shall They Hear the Word of God – vs. 1 & 2

The Gospel Reading

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (15:1-8).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual Hymn: #449 - How Shall They Hear the Word of God – vs. 3

Sermon

The Reverend Ruth Sesink Bott

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the

forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Cycle: Diocese of Niagara: the Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop. The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Neil Gordon (s. Susan Bercov); Sheila Hagan-Bloxham; Lesley Hand (s. Charles); Sally Harrison; Peter Heritage (s. Lois); Ron Hörst; Karen Hunt; Daryle Kerr (s. Kathy); Ed Kostyk; Michael Lawson; Joyce Mellor. Buyé Diocese, Kabataha Parish: Fabien Miburo, Rector. Enoch Cree Nation.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #445 God the Creator

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God,

All you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS, pg. 198

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth...Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heave, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

#719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all...all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we have died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. A gluten free option is available. To receive a blessing from the priest in place of communion, please come up to the communion rail and cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Agnus Dei: #745 Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Choir: Christ Hath a Garden - Gerald Near

Congregational Hymn: #223 Christ is Risen

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of love,

All in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Joyful, Joyful - arr. Fred Swann

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 10:44-48, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

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Announcements

Thank you to the Rev. Ruth Sesink Bott

Corporation would like to thank Rev. Ruth for her ministry and leadership over the past four months. Please join us this Sunday, April 28 at both the 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist when we will thank Rev. Ruth for her presence at Christ Church as this will be her final Sunday with us.

The Annual Parish Potluck and Movie Night Thank You

A special thank you to all who attended this community building event on April 19. There was a wonderful selection of food to nourish the body, talking and laughter to nourish the soul, and a great movie to nourish the heart and mind. A special thank you to Jessica and Joel Natrass for organizing the movie portion of the event.

The April Community Dinner Thank You

A special thank you to Inskip Spencer, our head cook for this event, and all the volunteers! Quiche, caesar salad, and cake were enjoyed by 120 guests this month.

Fire Drill

As a reminder, there will be a fire/emergency drill this Sunday, April 28 during the 10am service. The muster point is the flagpole.

Spring Garden Clean-Up

Mark your calendars to help out at our annual spring garden clean up on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 9am. Coffee, tea, water, and muffins will be provided. This event is the first step in ensuring the beauty of our grounds this summer!

The Second Annual Parish Olympics

Mark your calendars to attend our Parish Olympics after the 10am service on May 26, 2024. More details to follow.

The Summer Garden Concert Series

Mark your calendars for this 'must attend' event on Wednesdays at 7pm in July and August. More information regarding the schedule of performers will be provided when the musicians are confirmed.